State Govts., public sector undertakings or private sector agencies for import of LPG. Concerned interested organisations have to take action in the matter.

Accident in well No. 158 in Mehasen District of Gujarat

5737. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 9th April, 1994 serious accident occurred near Jotana in Mehasen District, Gujarat on well No. 158 being drilled under ONGC killing 3 persons and seriously injuring 8 persons who are in critical conditions;

(b) if so, what are the details of the accident and the causes that led to the accident;

(c) whether the persons killed or injured were regular employees of ONGC or contract labour;

(d) whether proper safety measures were ensured before blasting deeper layers of the well being drilled;

(e) whether such accidents have occurred earlier if so, what are their details;

(f) whether compensation is awarded to the victims of accident; and

(g) whether inquiry has been ordered into the incident ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) On 9th April, 1994 while preparing the strip charges assembly at the North Kadi Well No. 158 in Mehsana Project of ONGC (WRBC), the strip charges exploded causing death to three persons and injuring 12 others. None of the injured are in critical condition.

(c) The three persons killed and five of the injured were ONGC employees. In addition, five contract labourers and 2 villagers were also injured.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) One minor accident took place in 1986 at oil well No. Geleki-122 in the Eastern Regional Business Centre of ONGC. However, there was no fatality.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) Yes, Sir.

Allotment of match wax to the state of Haryana

5738. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been meeting the requirement of match wax by various States to the full extent;

(b) what is the per month demand of match wax by Government of Haryana; and

(c) whether the adhoc allotment of match wax was given twice to the State of Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir in the year 1993 if so, under what circumstances Government have not given the regular allotment of match wax to the State of Haryana whereas it has started giving regular allotment to the State of Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a)

The allocation of all the three types of paraffin wax to various States/Union Territories is made keeping in view the product availability. To make the product easily available, paraffin wax has been decanalised with effect from 1-4-1992.

(b) The Directorate of Industries, Haryana has requested for about 700 MTs per month of Paraffin Wax Type-III(Match Wax).

(c) Ad-hoc allocation of match wax in 1993 was made to these States to liquidate the surplus availability at that particular point of time. The demand of individual State Government is decided on merits.

Spot purchase of Crude Oil from International Market by IOC

5739. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spot-purchase of crude oil from the International market for supplementing indigenous supply is canalised through the Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) if so, what is the procedure favoured by IOC for the spot-purchases in particular whether it floats a tender and awards a contract for the purchase; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Spot purchases are made through issue of tenders to parties already registered with Indian Oil Corporation and contracts awarded based on the maximum gains.

Heavy losses to ONGC

5740. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission is suffering heavy losses due to taking of loans from the international capital market at higher rate of interest and investing this amount in Government securities and public deposits at lesser stte of interest;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Allocation of LPG dealership to State Civil Supplies Corporation

5741. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Civil Supplies Corporations have made applications for allocation of LPG dealership to them;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government to give dealership to them;

(c) whether there is any criteria for distribution or allotment of LPG connections to the States; and

(d) what is the present State-wise allotment of LPG connections ?